

My comments address the impact communications towers (TV, radio, and cell) are having on migratory birds. (docket # 03-187) I think the FCC must begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues; institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality; undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts; require that all future towers be subjected to rigorous environmental review prior to installation; and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.